In the name of Allah, the most benevolent, the most merciful

THE ARABS MUST WIN*

QURAN'S PROMISE OF VICTORY TO THE ARABS

Inconceivable Success

It is undoubtedly true that the international Zionism has been successful in achieving many of its objectives beyond its wildest dreams. Most of these aims of the Zionists would have earlier appeared to be simply airy hopes and day-dreams even to the Jews themselves, much less to the Arabs or, for that matter, to any other people, but these have since been attained quite easily and are now accomplished facts.

Establishment of Israel

The State of Israel was first established in the centre of the Arab world, near its sacred places, and then it was strengthened and abetted by the Zionists to inflict a grievous blow to the most powerful nation of the Arabs. It was

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enabled to destroy not only the Air Force of Egypt in a few hours but also to captura Jerusalem along with the western bank of Jordan and Sinai peninsula within a couple of days. But what is even more dangerous for the Arabs is the loss of self-confidence and shattering of their will and determination to fight their foe. Almost all the cities of Egypt are now within the striking range of Israel which has also wrested several hill positions of strategic importance from Syria and has the audacity to strafe the aerodromes and military targets in the surrounding Arab countries at its sweet will. It is now thinking of enslaving the entire Arab world and taking possession of even the holy places in Saudi Arabia.

Aims of Zionism

Several leaders of Israel have not even deemed it worthwhile to keep a secret of their despicable aim to recapture all those towns of the pre-Islamic Arabia which had, at one time or the other, been subjugated by them. Zionism is now looking forward to the day when it shall become the greatest power on earth as promised in the Talmud and the Protocols of the learned elders of Zion, and when all the heads of national states of the world shall deem it an honour to serve *Pax Judaeica*.

The Fundamental Question

It is really a matter of grave cencern requiring our immediate attention whether the happenings in the past are also a portent of the grim future when Zionism shall be able to achieve its terrible objectives that are yet to be accomplished ? Will all the Muslims and the Arabs be left

to the tender mercies of a handful of scheming and ambitious Jews? Will the Jews continue to achieve these astounding victories one after another till they manage to dominate the entire world? Will they be able to attain all these sinister aims to propagate the intolerably arrogant view of racial superiority of the Jews, and enforce the supposedly promised ascendancy of the Children of Israel with the might of their arms? Will they be enabled to wield the sceptre of authority over the nations of the world so as to dictate, guide and enforce obedience over them in the way certain nations and religious and ideological communities had been allowed by Providence, in their own hey-day of supremacy, to enjoy the privilege in the past?

We cannot, of course, give any conclusive or final answer to this question unless we cast a glance over this wondrous and limitless Universe and direct our thoughts to its Superb Creator, His nature and attributes, the laws promulgated by Him for conducting the affairs of the world as well as the historical process and experience gained by man during his terrestrial sojourn on this planet.

We can thus give a satisfactory answer to the question posed earlier only after taking into account the innate predilections and capabilities of the mankind, its inherent leanings towards vice and virtue and the destiny of human race which is being indicated unmistakably by the innermost purpose of the Divine Law governing the cosmos.

Divine Will

Now, are we to assume that the Lord and Creator of the Universe has created our planet simply for unfolding

an uncanny drama of senseless destruction and devastation, devilish violence and turmoil, cleverly-concealed espionage and cloak-and-dagger tactics? Has this vast panorama of nature—the superb mechanism of the Universe exhibiting order and design, beauty and grace, utility and purpose—been created merely to suffer the domination of a race which is allegedly supposed to be the progeny of certain prophets of pre-historic times? Was the Divine guidance vouchsafed to mankind, the Divine revelation brought by the prophets of God and the path of truth and piety walked by the illustrious sons of Adam merely to pass on the sceptre of authority to a certain people who claimed to be the "chosen race" and the "Children of God"[1] by virtue of their inheriting a few particles of blood from the prophets of old—a claim which can neither be verified even by the most powerful microscope nor established by any valid scientific definition.

Vicious Assumptions

Now, if we agree to the claim of the Jews that they are the only people endowed with the endless capabilities of the head and heart, that intelligence and wisdom are their exclusive domain and that all the other nations of the world are no batter then the worthless chaff, devoid of brains and intellect, talent and prudence; then, one should have no difficulty in acknowledging the other claim too that these "holy people unto the Lord" have been

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1 The words quoted here refer to the claim of Jews as mentioned In the holy Quran *(al-Maidah : 18)*. The old Testament and the Talmud are replete with similar claims of Jewish racial superiority.

chosen "above all nations that are upon the earth'[1] to rule over them. The Jews would then be justified in their claim that the goyim[2]—a flock of sheep—should be entrusted to the care of their wolves, that is the Jaws.[3] It should then indeed be the birthright of the Jews to use the non-Jews as pawns in their game of power politics !

Similarly, we shall have to assume that human nature is essentially vicious and meritless and that "men with bad instincts are more in number than the the good"[4] people prize anarchy and destruction more than order and reconstruction. Human nature is assailed with doubt and distrust; its wistful dubiousness brands everything with suspicion; and being dissatisfied with its past and future both, it is eternally consumed in the fire of its own caprice and hatred, revolt and revenge. The heart of man is an abode of senseless and vicious enmity against everything existing under the sun: man is prone to find fault with everything and to take delight in whatever is shady and dark in his heritage; being himself burdened with inferiority complex, he is not prepared to concede equality to others. Indifferent to all the values of nobility, virtue and charity, man has no other ideal than the satisfaction of his carnal desires, has no other view of life than crass materialism. As a conqueror, he is a merciless avenging brute but turns into a miserable coward when vanquished. Nothing is bad enough for him if it serves his purpose: deceit,

1. Le. 19 : 2.
2. A Yiddish term meaning Gentiles or non-Jews.
3. The Protocols-No. XI
4 Protocols-No. 1.

injustice, cruelty, hapocrisy or no other nadir of depravity is illbeseeming so long as it can be helpful in achieving his end.

It shall have to be assumed, then, that the main prop of human actions and the driving force behind the history of mankind, civilization and culture, in short, the common urge of humanity is nothing else than espionage and treachery and that "the principal factor of success in the political is the secrecy of its undertaking."[1] The social, cultural and economic advancement of humanity depends, in the last analysis, on breaking up of family bonds, crossing the limits of decency, fomenting the spirit of revolt and rebellion, popularising intemperate drunkenness and luxurious living—the secret hands of the saboteurs and agent provocateurs are the only potent instruments for bringing about any change in the existing order. Man has, thus, to repose confidence in deception and fraud, infidelity and treachery, meanness and viciousness; for, notwithstanding the detestable means to be employed, egoism and conceitedness are the only qualities favoured by God and crowned with success.[2]

Let us then also suppose that the besmirched face of humanity has ever been so; instead of having peace, amity, fraternity and kindness, it has always had to oscillate from one war to another, from one shocking

1. The Protocols, No. VII.
2. The *Quran* alludes to the Jews by "those who earn Thine anger." The national history of the Jews bears a testimony to the revealed truth in regard to the characteristics and behaviour of the Jews down the ages and the role played by them in the world history.

tragedy to another, and from one misery to another; and it is ultimately doomed to fall in the raging inferno of hate and anger, wrath and rancour, jealousy and selfishness.

Then, we shall have also to assume that prophethood and divine revelation are merely fictions; faith and search for truth are meaningless; conscience and the moral sense do not exist; neither there is any Divine Law nor is the same at all necessary for the life of man. There is only one reality, one truth, and that is the racial superiority, purity of blood. noble descent, ancient traditions, hatred of others and an intense and haughty desire to regain the lost glory and possessions of the forefathers by hook or by crook.

In sum, if we are prepared to accept all these preposterous assumptions, then, undoubtedly, Jews have a right of "directing humanity towards that order which is defined by nature, namely, submission."[1] We can also infer from it that the present state of affairs brought about by the conspiracy of international Zionism will continue; the policy of extending its frontiers by ruthlessly grabbing the territories of its neighbours would be successful despite all impediments; and, the insidious plots hatched by the satanic minds of the Jews shall work out according to their plan. Such is the portrait of the Jews which emerges from the books of the old Testament, Talmud and the Protocols, the speeches of their leaders, proceedings of their meetings and, above all, the actions of the Zionist leaders after the war in June, 1967.

But we should never forget that this is a picture

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1 The Protocols, No, XV.

tinged with caprice and hatred. This portrait vividly depicts the age-old vendetta nourished by the Jews against all the other nations of the world, on the one hand, and veneration of their own blood to the point of immoral consecration, on the other, and which has given birth to their national characteristics of intrigue, crime and violence.

And this is not a portrait of the present-day Jew alone: he has been so down the ages. Intrigue and crime, violence and high-handed tactics have been the essential ingredients of the Jewish heritage, their inborn tendencies which could clearly be discerned at any time or place where they have happened to reside, like a pivot on which their entire intelligence and endeavours have always revolved for the satisfaction of their ulterior motives. Theirs has been the master mind and the secret hand[1] behind every insurrection and revolution, conspiracy and intrigue, lawlessness and anarchy, and every movement designed to foment social, political, economic and moral disintegration of the non-Jewish people. An eminent

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1. Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield and Prime Minister of Great Britain, was a Jew and he glorified in it. In his book " Coningsby " Disraeli causes his Jewish hero named Sidonia to remark : "You never observe a great intellectual movement in Europe in which the Jews do not greatly praticipate. The first Jesuits were Jews. That mysterious Russian Diplomacy which so alarms Western Europe is organised and principally carried on by Jews. That mighty revolution which is at this moment preparing in Germany, and which will be in fact, a second and greater Reformation and of which so little is yet known in England is entirely developing under the auspices of Jews." *(The International Jew* by Henry Ford I, California, pp. 91/20).

Jew, Dr. Oscar Levy, exultingly summed up the characteristics of Jews when he claimed that in fact they are the rulers of the world; mischief mongers who foment every trouble and turmoil, wherever it might be.

The Jews have no Message for Humanity

The Jews have never had any message of salvation for the humanity. The reason for this is that the ideas bound up with superiority of Jewish race, and its predetermined salvation simply by virtue of birth, no matter what one believes or what one does, are signally incompatible with the spirit of any universal message of brotherhood and equality of mankind. Conversely speaking, the denial of the equality of haman beings is irreconcilably opposed to any transcendental call meant for the whole mankind. In fact, the very acceptance of the idea of superiority of a particular race which, in its view, is endowed with all the noble qualities of head and heart is to be uncharitable to all other nations. This view of life and the world is fundamentally opposed to any ideology which is meant for the entire world and which is willing to share its message, its teachings and benefits with every human being. Such an idea, naturally, delimits even the scope of divine guidance and salvation and places restriction on its dissemination beyond the closed circle of one's blood kins. And this is the reason why Judaism could never become a universal religion, and why the Jews were not required by their own scriptures to preach and convert other people to their faith.[1] On the contrary, the scriptures of the Jews

1. Maryam Jameelah (formerly Margaret Marcus) writes in *Islam* Versus

expressly prohibit missionary endeavour. The logical result of such an attitude was that the Jews should discriminate against other nations and evolve such norms of virtue and vice, right and wrong which should make allowance for the superiority of one race over the other. And, then, nothing more is required to justify and persist in the cruelest injustice against the non-Jewish people. The holy Quran alludes to this very attitude of the Jews when it says: "That is because they say: We have no duty to the Gentiles."[1]

It is thus crystal clear why all those nations which ever happen to fall under the domination of the Jews are subjected to flagrant injustice and barefaced tyranny. The Jews simply do not treat such people as human beings having certain fundamental rights : they regard them to be no more than beasts of burden or lifeless objects created to serve the beloved "Childern of God."[2]

Judgement of Reason

The light of reason endowed by God and the wisdom

Ahl al-Kitab, Past and Present: "Not only do Jews fail to preach their faith to others but they do not welcome converts. In all history I know of only two instances where non-Jews accepted Judaism *en masse* ; in Yaman some centuries prior to the birth of our holy Prophet and the tiny, shortlived kingdom of the Khazars who were of Tartar origin, in Russia". (p.p.22/23)

1. Al-i-*Imarn* : 75.
2. The Jewish concept of the chosen race is analogous to the Brahaminical view of the superiority of certain sections of society by virtue of their birth, on which was based the caste system prevalent in ancient India.

vouchsafed in the revelations, which undeniably lay stress on love and compassion, justice and equity of the Lord and Creator, refute the assumption that the purpose of the creation of this marvellous universe and the vicegerent of God on earth is to tolerate rapacious despotism of one race over all others. Similarly, the sequence of cause and effect, properties immanent in every object and substance, the laws governing the rise and fall of empires, nations and civilizations, unmistakably point out that the Master and Creator of our Universe does not favour any particular race or tribe, nation or country. History of mankind too bears irrefutable testimony to the fact that the nations prosper and rise if their message, call or ideology is more compatible, more consistent with the laws of nature, and hence more beneficial to humanity. The holy Quran expresses the same idea in these words :

> "Then, as for the foam, it passeth away as scum upon the banks, while, as for that which is of use to mankind, it remaineth in the earth."[1]

War with Nature

These facts conclusively establish the truth that the Jews, challenging the law of nature and the Divine purpose for which this Universe and the master-piece of all creations, man, was created, and denying the inherent longing of man for peace and prosperity, welfare and happiness, shall not be allowed to enjoy the fruits of their dubious success achieved at the cost of flagrant violation of justice. The horrid dream of the Jews for world

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1. *Ar-Ra' 'd: 17*

domination shall never materialise : their destructive and detestable plots against mankind shall never gain the day, no matter how many states lend their support or whatever destructive weapons are amassed by them.[1]

Victory is Certain

It is therefore as clear as day that only those will ultimately be victorious who treat the entire progeny of Adam as members of one family, whose compassion and benevolence are for every man, who are prepared to fight tyranny and injustice, who are willing to die for the good of humanity, who abhor tumult and turmoil, and who uphold the banner of justice and truth.

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1. Certain authentic Traditions of the holy Prophet of Islam show that the Jews shall become undisputed masters of Palestine and Dajjal (Anti-Christ) will be born there who will command undisputed authority and wield unprecedented power. He will collect all the Jews of the world in Palestine. Anti-Christ shall also abuse his power and authority which will lead to a conflagration of hostilities between the Jews and the Muslims. At last the Muslims will overcome the Jews and slay them. Everything, even the stones, shall turn an enemy to the Jews and report their presence. The Ulama of Islam have been looking forward to this prediction for the past thirteen hundred years as the forebodings of the Day of Resurrection but the dispersion of the Jews had made the prediction rather incomprehensible. During all this period the Jews were unable to gather at one place but during the past fifty years the prediction of the holy Prophet began to unfold itself in the shape of a National Home for the Jews and, thereafter, every event is leading towards the fulfilment of the holy Prophet's words. This is, indeed, one of the miracles of the holy Prophet of Islam which we are witnessing today.

Temporary Success of Destructive Forces

Darkly treacherous and perfidious minds, destructive and sanguine, conceited and gasping, as they usually are, (which are prone to deny human rights and norms sf moral conduct) have often won splendid victories. Sometimes their sweep to smashing conquests have had such a demoralising effect that people had begun to lose thair faith in the efficacy of truth and justice, godliness and piety. Annals of history contain records of several instances when the destruction wrought by the dark forces have made the bravest and most learned people lose all hope in the Divine succour. The Quran has graphically described these occasions in the following verses :

> "Till, when the messengers despaired and thought that they were denied, then came unto them Our help, and whom We would was saved. And Our wrath cannot be warded from the guilty."[1]

At another place the Quran says :

> "When they came upon you from above you and from below you, and when eyes grew wild and hearts reached to the throats, and ye were imagining vain thoughts concerning Allah."
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> "There were the believers sorely tried, and shaken with a mighty shock."[2]

Human mind has been so tempered that one gets deeply impressed by every victory, howsoever shortlived or insignificant it may be. Here is the Quranic remedy for this weakness of man :

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1. *Yusuf : 110*
2. *Al-Ahzab : 10-11.*

"Let not the vicissitude (of the success) of those who disbelieve, in the land, deceive thee (O Mohammad)."

"It is but a brief comfort. And afterward their habitation will be hell, an ill abode."[1]

Again. the Quran says :

"None argue concerning the revelations of Allah save those who disbelieve, so let not their turn of fortune in the land deceive thee(O Muhammad)."[2]

The Quran also warns that the apparent success achieved through deceitful means will soon turn into an ignoble defeat. The warning given by the Quran also serves as a timely cure for the inborn weakness of man to be deceived by the shortlived success of intrigue and conspiracy.

".........and lo ! the frailest of all houses is the spider's house, if they but knew."[3]

The Quran is emphatic that no good can ever come out of evil, for, like the tree which has no roots grounded deep into the earth, the evil is bound to come down crashing any moment.

"Is he who founded his building upon duty to Allah and His good pleasure better; or he who founded his building on the brink of a crumbling, overhanging precipice so that it toppled with him into the fire of hell ? Allah guideth not wrong-doing folk."[4]

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1. *Al-i-Imran : 196-7*
2. *Al-Mumin : 4*
3. *Al-Ankabut : 41*
4. *At-Taubah : 108*

Again, it says:

"And the similitude of a bad saying is as a bad tree, uprooted from upon the earth, possessing no stability."[1]

It alludes to the same fact by quoting what Moses said to the magicians of Pharaoh:

"Moses said: That which ye have brought is magic. Lo! Allah will make it vain. Lo! Allah upholdeth not the work of mischief-makers."[2]

The Quran tells us that the final outcome of insidious plots is grievous failure.

".........and the evil plot encloseth but the men who make it. Then, can they expect aught save the treatment of the folk of old? Thou wilt not find for Allah's way of treatment any substitute, nor wilt thou find for Allah's way of treatment aught of power to change."[3]

'And again,

".........but those who plot inquities, theirs will be an awful doom; and the plotting of such (folk) will come to naught."[4]

The Quran proclaims a Universal Truth which transcends time and space, race and country, fleeting success and failure, transient victory and defeat; and, quite indifferent to those who are awe-stricken by the pretentious success of the ambitious kings and war-lords, it advises

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1. *Ibrahim : 26.*
2. Yunus : 81.
3. Al-Fatir : 43.
4. Ibid . 10.

thus :

" Then have patience. Lo ! the sequel is for those who ward off (evil)."[1]

"And say : " 'Truth hath come and falsehood hath vanished away. Lo ! falsehood is ever bound to vanish."[2]

Arabs—The Custodians of Divine Guidance

Despite all their failings to which I have already referred to in several of my speeches and writings, the Arabs are, unlike Jews, the custodians of Divine message of universal fraternity, love and equality of mankind. They have had the privilege of being addressed by Allah and favoured with that Divine Guidance which is meant for the entire humanity, without any distinction of race and colour. No privilege, no prerogative, no immunity was granted as a birthright to the Arabs, or, to one of their tribes as claimed by *Bani Lavi*[3] of the Jews or the Brahmins of India. The standard applied by this message of peace, that is Islam, to judge the nobility, prestige and higher rank of a man did not go by race or blood. Righteousness and endeavour in the way of God were the only criteria admitted for rendering honour to any individual. Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal has narrated a Tradition of the holy Prophet of Islam wherein he is reported to have seid :

"If knowledge were to be had even on Pleiades,

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1. Hud : 49.
2. Bani Israel : 81
3. The progeny of Aaron (Harun), brother of Moses, whose privilege it was to conduct religious ceremonies.

some of the people of Persia would have acquired it."[1]

Large-heartedness of the Arabs

The Arabs have always been broad-minded enough to pay homage to all those non-Arabs who have ever achieved any distinction in the field of religious learning. They have acknowledged such persons as their religious leaders and very often paid such glowing tributes to them as one would fail to find even for the Arab scholars. [Imam Muhammad ibn Ismail al-Bukhari (d. 356/966) was awarded the title of *Amir-ul-mominin*."[2] of the science of Traditions while Imam Abul Ma'ali Abdul Malik al-Juwaini (d.-478/1095) of Nishapur was known as "Imam-ul-Harmain". Al-Ghazali (d. 505/1111) was recognised as *Hujjlat-ul-Islam*."[4] Several Persians and non-Arab *mawalis*[5] had, in fact, been acknowledged as savants, saints and leaders of religious throught thoughout the wide and far-flung Islamic realm, by the close of the first century after *Hijrah*. The entire Islamic literature—history, translations. biographies and several features of Islamic culture bear out the fact that the non-Arabs continued to dominate the religious, cultural and educational fields of the Arab civilisation so completely that Ibn Khaldun (d.808/1406) expressed his amazement over it. He writes: "It is rathar

1. *Musnad Imam Ahmad, Vol. II, p. 296.*
2. *Lit.* Commander of the Faithful.
3. *Lit.* The leader of the two sacred Mosques of Mecca and Madina.
4. *Lit.* The argument (or Reason) of Islam.
5. Non-Arab converts to Islam who had got themselves aligned to one or the other Arab tribe.

strange that most of the Muslim savants and scholars—in the field af religious as well as secular sciences were non-Arabs. Despite the fact that this is an Arab civilization and the Prophet was also an Arab, the compiler of Arabic grammar was Saibuya, and after him came Abu 'Ali snd Zajjaj, and all these were non-Arabs. Similar is the case in other branches of learning—among the scholars of Traditions, jurisprudence, dialectics and exegesis."[1]

Dignity of Mankind

The Arabs are instinctively more alive to the equality and dignity of human race than other nations of the world and they have also whole-heartedly translated it into practice. This had been the guiding principle of the Arabs during the era of their glorious victories, when the world learnt from them the new concepts of knowledge, culture, piety, dignity of man, and the like. It was only due to the Arab's sense of compassion, equality and dignity of mankind that instead of nourishing hatred for their conquerors, the vanquished people began to love and adore them. The inhabitants of Sind and Multan had installed an idol of Muhammad Ibn Qasim, the conqueror of Sind, among the myriad gods they worshipped, as a mark of their respect and love for him. The extremely lenient and just treatment administered to the people of Samarkand by Umar ibn Abdul Aziz cleared the way for swift conversion

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1. *Muqqdame Ibn Khaldun, Matba al-Bahtiya, Egypt, p. 400.*

of the inhabitants of surrounding areas to Islam.[1] Most of the countries conquered by the Arabs adopted their culture and religion and even the Arabic language in preference to their own way of living and local dialects. The stirring pronouncement of Caliph Umar ibn al-Khattab, made to admonish one of his most brilliant generals, will ever shed lustre on the character of the Arabs. Caliph Umar had said to Amar ibn Al-Aas :

> "Whence didst thou make slaves of these people who had been born free from the wombs of their mothers."[2]

A Turthful and Sincere People

The Arabs had never been deceitful, imposters, hypocrites or plotters, thanks to their natural inclination towards

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2, After Umar ibn Abdul Aziz's accession to the Caliphate, a delegation from Samarkand called upon him to lodge a complaint that seven years back, when Qaitabah conquered the adjoining areas, he had occupied the city of Samarkand in utter disregard to the Islamic Laws of War, and had also got a number of Muslims settled therein, Caliph Umar ibn Abdul Aziz immediately ordered the Governor of Samarkand to appoint a Judge who should decide the issue. Caliph Umar also ordered that the Muslims should vacate the city if the verdict went against them. Qazi Ibn Hadhir al-Baji was nominated as the arbiter who decided that the Muslims should vacate the city, restoring its control to the inhabitants of Samarkand. and then ask the latter to fight for the possession of the city, Muslims abided by the verdict of Qazi Ibn Hadhir al-Baji but the inhabitants of Samarkand decided not to face the Muslims in the battefield and allowed them to retain control of the town.

2. *Ibn al-Jawzi : Sirat-i-Umar ibn al-Khattab* (*Azhar-1931*). *pp. 86/87*

truthfulness, sincerity and straightforwardness, either during the age of *Jahiliah* (Ignorance) or after the advent of Islam. They were either friends or foes : they first challenged the enemy before engaging in hostilities and openly entred into alliances of mutual help. The character of the Arabs as depicted by the historians shows that they were a frank and generous people—their folk-lore, their tribal feuds and forays, their language and literature—all these lead to one conclusion only, and it is that duplicity and deceit have been foreign to the Arab character. Almost all the commentators of the Quran hold the view that hypocrites were not to be found in Mecca mainly because the town was free from foreign influences. This is also the reason why the Meccan verses of the Quran do not make any mention of hypocrisy and all the verses dealing with this problem were revealed in Madina, Some of the commentators quote the following verse of the Quran in support of their contention :

> "And among those around you of the wandering Arabs there are hypocrites, and among the towns-people of Al-Madinah (there are some who) persist in hypocrisy whom thou (O Muhammad) knowest not."[1]

Therefore, in all those lands where the Arabs predominate or have a hand in the making of their culture and politics, there is no danger of any movement coming up to achieve its end through intrigue, conspiracy or any other secret device. The Arabs, owing to the peculiar traits of their character, are averse to double-dealing and

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8. At-Taubah : 101.

defection, sedition and creating unnecessary distinctions of class or creed. Their nationalism has no place for the chauvinistic, cramped and parochial policies, blind to the demands of justice and fair-play, and discrimination against non-Arabs.

Aggressive Nationalism and Partisanship

In so far as the menace of present-day aggressive nationalism and partisan spirit raising its head in certain Arab countries is concerned, it owes its existence to the blind imitation of the West by certain demoralised politicians. It is, in truth and reality, an extraneous tendency foreign to the truly Islamic and Arabs characteristics, and shall be overcome by the latter no sooner than the domination of the misguided Arab leadreship comes to an end. Whenever this happens, and it shall happen soon, the Arabs would find peace and solace in the lap of their enchanting faith which is entrenched deep down into the rocesses of their hearts. The edict of Allah has already proclaimed that ;

> "O mankind ! Lo ! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. Lo ! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct, Lo ! Allah is Knower, Aware."[1]

The Prophet of Islam also ordained :

> "The entire human race is the progeny of Adam; and Adam was made of clay. No Arab has a precedence over a non-Arab save on account of

1. *Al-Hujrat : 13.*

his piely and awe of God."[1]

Islam : The Eternal Message of God

If Islam is the final and eternal edition of Divine Guidance for humanity, if God has undertaken to preserve it till the Day of Judgment and if God is the protector of His last word, the Quran, then, the Arabs are also assured of their continued existence as a distinct and dignified people. God has guaranteed the safe preservation of the holy Quran in no uncertain words :

"Lo ! We, even We, reveal the Reminder, and lo ! We verily are its Guardian."[2]

The Quran cannot be preserved in its pristine purity without keeping alive the Arabic language and the language itself cannot last without the Arabs. This is bound to be so if the promise of God is to be fulfilled. It is unthinkable that the eternal and universal message of God should become an obscure riddle or unintelligible document of merely historical importance to be preserved in the archives and museums. Likewise, it is inconceivable that Arabs should become as extinct as the Phoenician and Hamitic languages of yore. Allah, the Most High and the Almighty, can cause to turn the course of events in favour of the Arabs, if only to re-emphasise His benevolent care and concern for the protection of a people vouchsafed the message of peace for the world. In the same way, it appears to be against Divine Wisdom that the Arabs should be candemned to slavery for any

1. *Tirmizi.*
2. *Al-Hijr : 9.*

length of time; since, this is likely to rob them of their dignity, capability and courage—qualities so essential for the guidance of humanity. Nor can it be deemed to accord with the Divine Will that these areas should ever fall into the evil clutches of the Jews. These are the very lands from where the light of Islam once radiated and illuminated the whole world in no time. The history, culture and language of the Muslims and the development of Islam are so intimately linked with these regions that no parallel can be cited in the religious history of the world. Here is the land with the Holy of the Holies, the sacred House of God, which has been an object of the absorbing love of countless Muslims in every age. This is the place which has always been treated as a sanctuary of peace. Then there is also the city of the Prophet, the nursery of Islam and recipient of the greater part of Divine revelations. All these regions constitute the citadel of Islam and they have numerous places sacred to Muslims living all over the world. No other Islamic country, nay, not a thousand of them, howsoever strong and populous they might be, can preserve the honour of Islam if these areas are lost by the Arabs. Verily, it is absolutely correct, as the saying goes, that Islam would be degraded if the Arabs were to suffer indignity.

It is thus evident that the present state of affairs, unnatural and illogical as it is, cannot last long. Human nature and reason, the logic of things, natural laws governing this Universe, religious teachings, predictions contained in the scriptures, geographical conditions, the lesson taught by history, and even a realistic assessment of political situation (unless it is dangerously tainted by a

partisan spirit to back the aggressor at any cost,[1]) conclusively indicate that this tragic situation should soon be altered.

The War of 1967 and Islam

The temporary success achieved by Zionism in the war of June, 1967, cannot be treated as a victory of one call or message, philosophy or religion, over another. The Jews have never had a message for the world, nor have they one today. The battle fought on the fifth of June, 1967, was also not a confrontation of Islam and Judaism, not even between the Jews and the Arab nations taken as a whole. The Muslims and the Arabs were in fact never allowed to participate in the struggle: they ware kept at an arm's length, in accordance with a well-calculated plot, to deny them any effective role in this confrontation. The so-called victory of the Jews was. thus, at its best, the success gained by a realistic and intelligent leadership over a miscalculating and worthelss dictatorship. There is no denying the fact that at least for once in their history after thousands of years, the Jews were fortunate enough to have

1. The tragically immobile or rather foolish policy of the United States of America in regard to the Arabs is dictated by the traditional dislike of the Arabs and Islam by the West and it has hardly anything to do with an intelligent assessment of the situation. Formulation of a realistic foreign policy requires wisdom, moral courage and ability to take correct decisions. Devoid of all values of justice and equality of mankind, the American diplomacy is controlled by the Jews and fed by the senile red tape which is absolutely blind to the factual position. Such a policy bespeaks of the mental bankruptcy of a nation doomed to gradual decay.

such persons as their leaders who were able to raise them from ignominy and disgrace. They, undoubtedly, created history. And it is a misfortune of the Arabs that their leadership has been unable to do justice to them and to their history. Their leaders have pushed them between the devil and the deep sea, and now they can neither retreat nor go ahead.

The fate of the Arabs is not doomed, however. Whatever mistakes the Arabs leadership might have committed and however serious these might have been there is still room to make amends and turn the corner.

Blind Imitation of Others

It is the philosophy of life that makes or mars a nation; but no philosophy borrowed from others can revivify a sickly people.

The Arab-Islamic *millat* does not need a new call, religion or philosophy of life to fill itself with an ardent zeal, spirit and courage: there has in fact been no diminution of spirit and the *millat* is prepared, as ever, to undergo the greatest sacrifice for its faith. But, alas, Its leadership is like a tidal-wave which often rises sky high only to make its presence felt by all. It sometimes encloses a ship to submerge it beneath the sea, and, then. loses its own identily in the surging ocean, which ever remains where it was, unchanged, unperturbed.

The Leadership of the Arabs

We have come across several such leaders in the past who rose to towering heights only to go down in history unsung, unlamented. How many empires they

founded which were shattered to pieces in the twinkling of an eye. Yet, Islam remained sparkling and zestful as ever with the same call, the same Quran and the same faith in the eternal Truths.

The Change Must Come

Every nation, unless it is dead and gone, has to face the inevitable vicissitudes, ups and downs, in order to test its strength and purge the unwholesome elements. These painful ordeals fortify a nation against being cast down by adversity or become yielding to flattering vanity in the hour of sweeping victory :

> "That ye grieve not for the sake of that which has escaped you, nor yet exult because of that which hath been given."[1]

A nation which can bravely endure all afflictions and adversities is like a healthy person who can stand against illness and the changes of weather. The Arabs have, by the same token, to breast the current of opposition for they have been the custodians of the noblest call for humanity; and, therefore, final victory is their destiny as promised by Almighty God and guaranteed by the holy Quran.

> "Systems have passed away before you. Do but travel in the land and see the nature of the consequence for those who did deny (the messengers).
>
> "This is a declaration for mankind, a guidance and admonition unto those who ward off (evil).
>
> "Faint not nor grieve, for ye will overcome

1. *Al-Hadid* : 23.

them if ye are (indeed) believers.

"If ye have received a blow the (disbelieving) people have received a blow the like thereof. These are (only) the vicissitudes which We cause to follow one another for mankind, to the end that Allah may know those who believe and may choose witnesses from among you; and Allah loveth not wrong-doers.

"And that Allah may prove those who believe and may blight the disbelievers.''[1]

1. *Al-Imran* : 137-41.

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